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# Value Education For Children

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## KINDNESS ALWAYS PAYS

Your parents love you and they are always kind to you. They buy you gifts of toys and sweets, and are never rude to you. Do you, in turn, remember to be kind to your brothers, sisters and friends? Are you kind to animals too?

Once upon a time in Rome, there lived a poor, young man called Androcles. His cruel master made him work very hard. One day, Androcles ran away. He hid in a cave.



That night, a lion entered the cave, limping. It was groaning in great pain, Androcles felt very sorry for the poor lion. He went up to the lion and looked at it. He saw a big thorn struck in its swollen paw. He pulled out the thorn and cleaned the lion's paw. He covered the wound with a cloth. After three days, it healed. The lion licked his hands as if to say, "Thank you." Then it walked away.



A few days later, Androcles was caught in a market-place. He was put in prison. Androcles was to be thrown to a hungry lion. A huge crowd gathered.

Androcles was first locked in a big cage. The hungry lion was then let in. It roared angrily and rushed at Androcles. Suddenly, it stopped roaring. It went up to Androcles slowly. Sitting down before him, it began licking his hands. It was the lion Androcles had helped in the cave. Androcles put his arms around the lion.



All the people watching clapped and shouted with joy. The king and his family heard the noise and hurried to the place. They took Androcles to the palace. He told them about how he had run away from his cruel master. He also told them how he had helped the lion. The king was pleased to hear of his kindness. He set Androcles and the lion free.

You may think that Androcles only helped an animal in trouble. But his kindness saved his life. He also became a free man.

□ *God loves those who help others in need.*

□ *Kindness is a quality of God.*

#### **Poem to learn**

Each little act of kindness,  
Each little word of love,  
Which makes another happy,  
And soothes away a hurt.  
Is seen by God on high,  
And will bring the reward by and by.

#### **Things to tell and write.**

1. Name two faithful animals.

(i) ..... (ii) .....

2. What was Androcles act of kindness?

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